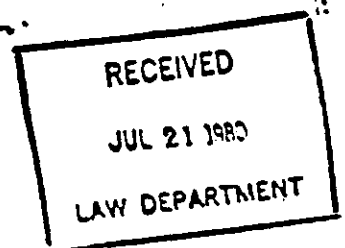


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Memorandum for Messrs. Ahrensfield  
Crohn  
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Re: Dr. Henry Rothschild

Gentlemen:

As you know, for the last several years we have funded Dr. Henry Rothschild's research relating to the unusual pattern of lung cancer in Louisiana. Dr. Rothschild set out three years ago to explore the possibility that some peculiar genetic or environmental factors might be responsible for this pattern. He requested and received approximately \$18,000 in 1977, approximately \$26,000 in 1978 and approximately \$35,000 in 1979.

To date, he has focused his attention on the environmental factors and found a significant association between lung cancer and employment in the sugarcane industry. Enclosed is a manuscript on this topic that he has submitted for publication.

Recently Dr. Rothschild has applied to CTR for funds in order to continue his research, particularly in the area of genetics. He would like to determine whether or not the high incidence of lung cancer in some parishes might be due to genetic factors. I understand, however, that his CTR application will not be acted upon until the Fall and, if he receives the grant, the funds will probably not be available until 1981. Accordingly, Dr. Rothschild

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has requested funding at an annual rate of \$42,493 in order to keep his research going during this period.

I have discussed this research with Dr. Gardner and he favors continuation of the project. I have also discussed this matter with Bob Northrip who agrees that it should be supported.

Accordingly, I recommend that we continue to support Dr. Rothschild's work in the amount requested.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

  
Timothy M. Finnegan

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